



SATURDAY EVENING, AUG. 14 1897.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Although yellow fever is more widely prevalent throughout the islands of the West Indies and the Spanish Main generally this year than usual not a single case has yet reached the shores of the United States. The great amount of smuggling and suspicious communications between Cuba and the coast of Florida which might result in the introduction of the dreaded fever, has caused the establishment of what is known as the Florida patrol in which the Marine Hospital Service is assisted by the State Board of Health.

Mr. Adams, the British charge d'affaires, has telegraphed the Department of State that the customs charges on miners' outfit for Klondike arriving from Dyea and other points are those authorized by regular revenue laws of Canada. No special or unusual charges were made. On the contrary the instructions sent were to exempt miners' blankets, personal clothing in use and broken packages of provisions being used; also cooking materials in use. To make food allowance clear instructions have been given for the season to the customs officer at Tagish to exempt 100 pounds of food for the journey, charging ordinary customs duty only on excess.

Consul General Lee in a report to the State Department says that the \$10,000 placed to the credit of the relief fund on May 22nd last was equivalent to \$10,975 Spanish dollars. The fund which he says was expended with the greatest care and economy is nearly exhausted. With it about 1,400 destitute Americans have been fed daily and provided with necessary medicine. It cost 95 cents in United States money for each person per day, or even less, for transportation is taken from their belief fund. Three persons have had transportation provided for them to various points in the United States. About 95 per cent of the 14,000 destitute persons are naturalized American citizens but who have resided in Cuba for a long time, and whose business is there. Many of them, the reports says, do not speak English. A large number have never been in the United States, being the wives and children of naturalized citizens.

The Union Iron Works of San Francisco has accepted the Navy Department's terms for the diagonal armor for the bulkheads of the battleship Wisconsin now under construction at their ship yard. The arrangements for the supply of this structural armor were made recently with the Cramps in the case of the Alabama, being at the rate of \$300 a ton, which is the maximum rate allowed by law. Nothing as yet has been heard from the Newport News Company, with regard to supplying diagonal armor for the battleship under construction at their yard.

A delegation of Chippewa Indians filed a protest with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to-day against attempts which are being made to make them move from Mille Lac to White Earth and Red Lake reservations. These Indians cannot take allotments on any but the latter reservations, and all of their former reservations except a small tract has been taken up, as it has been adjudged public land. No reply has yet been made by the Indian Office and it is possible that an inspector will be sent to the place before any action is taken.

Information has reached the Secretary of the Treasury that the steamer Dauntless is about to take on ammunition and men at Tampa for the insurgents in Cuba. The collector of customs at Tampa has been directed to exercise vigilance to prevent infractions of the navigation and neutrality acts and to communicate with the U. S. attorney. Capt. Shoemaker has also instructed commanders of the revenue cutter fleet to be on the lookout for the Dauntless.

Collector Agnew, of the upper Virginia district, is here to-day. He will attend the meeting of the Virginia State republican committee at Lynchburg next Wednesday, and says he is, and he thinks most of the other members of that committee are, opposed to calling a State convention of the party this year. General Walker, another member of that committee, is in favor of calling a convention, but it is said he will not be back from his California trip in time to attend the meeting referred to.

Mr. Lloyd Smith, of Northumberland county, Virginia, a prominent candidate for Attorney General of his State at the recent Roanoke convention, is here to-day on his way home. Congressman Jones started with him, but hearing of the death of his mother-in-law, he took a shorter route. Talking of the report that Mr. Jones is an aspirant for Senator Martin's seat, Mr. Smith says nothing could be more erroneous. He also says the convention was perfectly harmonious and its action entirely satisfactory.

Mr. Ryan of Loudoun county, Virginia, passed through here to-day on his way home from the late democratic convention of his State. It is understood that Mr. Saunders, who was the permanent president of that convention, will be a rival of Mr. Ryan, who now holds that place, for the speakership of the Virginia House of Delegates, and that he has strong support.

Ex-Secretary Carlisle appeared as counsel of certain tea importers before the Attorney General to-day in a case involving the right of the government to impose an additional tax of ten per cent on tea brought into this country via Canada.

Mr. Eckels, the Comptroller of the Currency, has left Washington for the West, where he will spend his vacation. He expects to return about October 1st. He seems to be as great a "waffle" with the present administration as he was with the last.

Mr. McCullough of Culpeper was purchased a half interest in the Culpeper Dispatch newspaper published here by the other half being Mr. W. B. Davis, formerly of Nebraska, and will spend some of his time in editing it. His son will be his assistant.

Senator Stewart has returned from New York. He says all the true friends of silver, whether they belong to the populist or republican party, will vote with the democrats at the next election, and that free silver is bound to win. The action of the State populist convention of Ohio in nominating Coffey for Governor, he says, is the best thing it could have done for the democrats of that State, as nobody will vote for such a man.

People from Georgetown here to-day say that rumors are current there of a through steam railroad connection between the North and the South, but that the exact route has not yet been made public. Let it raise the price of the land that will be purchased.

Mr. Richard Mitchell, a republican ex-member of the Maryland legislature from Charles county, says there are two sets of republican legislative candidates in Prince George's county, those of the Hill and the Mudd factions respectively, and he hears that there will be an independent republican candidate also. The democrats have not as yet nominated their ticket.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

It is again reported that Captain-General Weyler of Cuba has sent his resignation to Madrid.

Miss Rheeneela Parlett, an aunt of City Collector Parlett, fell dead in the Eutaw Savings Bank, in Baltimore yesterday.

Dr. Epps H. Coumbe, of Washington, was drowned while sailing in the Choptank river, yesterday. The body has not yet been recovered.

A new chime of bells made in Savoy for St. Patrick's Catholic Cathedral, N. Y., at a cost of over \$40,000 were blessed by Archbishop Corrigan yesterday.

Chevalier Lumby, head of the Carlist club, in London, says that 10,000 volunteers in England are ready to fight for Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne.

Pom Kwang Soh, president of the Privy Council of Korea, and ex-minister to this country, died at his residence in Washington yesterday afternoon of acute consumption.

Ito Hirobumi, Marquis of Dai Nippon, three times Minister-President of Japan, and known to the civilized world as Marquis Ito, arrived in New York from Europe on the Campania yesterday. He is returning from the Queen's jubilee.

United States Treasurer Roberts will equip the treasury vaults in Washington with electric devices by which any tampering with the doors of the vaults or their contents will be recorded by an instrument on the desk of the captain of the watch.

The civil service commission investigating affairs in the Chicago city water office yesterday discovered irregularities which implicate former employees of the department in a conspiracy to defraud the city. It is believed that the city is loser to the extent of fully \$200,000. The alleged system by which the city was defrauded was a crooked manipulation of rebates on water taxes.

Miss Catherine Gruber, aged 45, shot herself in the right breast at her home in Williamsport, Pa., yesterday afternoon and is dying. She was prominent and wealthy. After she shot herself she made a will and disposed of all her property. Family bereavement had weakened her mind. Her parents died two years ago, her brother a year ago, and her sister, with whom she lived, six weeks ago.

Miss Adelaide Fairbanks, daughter of United States Senator Fairbanks, and Dr. Horace R. Allen, Jr., evaded the eye of an opposing parent yesterday and were quietly married at the residence of a mutual friend in Indianapolis, Ind. The parties have been engaged for several years, but the Senator had refused to give his consent to the marriage. It is said that Mrs. Fairbanks was also opposed to her daughter's marriage.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Alexander Dunn, esq., one of Lynchburg's oldest and most worthy citizens died yesterday.

Rev. F. S. Stickney, rector of Monumental Episcopal Church, in Richmond, died this morning.

The wheat crop in Rockbridge county is beyond the expectations of the farmers in yield.

Miss Jennie Carter died Thursday night at the residence of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Glass in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Flossie Martin, of Norfolk, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by taking laudanum yesterday.

Hon. Wm. L. Wilson and family are now occupying the president's house at Washington and Lee University, at Lexington.

Mr. R. L. Miller, formerly consul to Hull, England, who was reported missing, arrived safely at his home in Lynchburg yesterday.

Mr. Wm. R. Alexander, of Winchester, who has been seriously ill in Richmond, was taken to his home Thursday night, a very sick man.

Capt. John W. Fisher, who was collector of customs for the port of Richmond during Harrison's administration, died at Buckingham Courthouse on Thursday.

Mrs. French Strother died last week at Mexico, Mo. She was a Miss Susie A. Petty and was born near Culpeper Court House, Culpeper county, about 69 years ago.

Yesterday's races of the Fauquier Fair Agricultural Association, at Warrenton, were equally as interesting as those of Thursday. A large crowd was in attendance.

It is announced definitely that Col. James Brady will certainly remove his office as Internal Revenue Collector from Richmond to the quarters formerly occupied in Petersburg.

The grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks has appointed Mr. Carter Neal, of Richmond, district deputy grand exalted ruler of the State of Virginia.

Wm. E. Cree, a highly-respected citizen of Richmond, died at his home in that city Thursday night, aged 65 years. He was for many years grand treasurer of the United Order of Druids and was prominent in other orders.

The closing of Cobb's Island Hotel, has caused the people of Northampton to look around for some other place as a pleasure resort during the summer season. Already a number of bathing houses have been built on Wilkins Beach, on the bay-side and there is some talk of building a hotel there.

Hugo Arnel, German Vice Consul at Norfolk, and also connected with Wm. Lamb & Co., had a personal encounter at Ocean View yesterday with a well-known "sporting man." The latter struck Arnel a powerful blow in the mouth, felling him to the floor, where he lay insensible for some time. He was taken to his residence in Huntersville, where he now lies.

OLD MONMOUTH CHURCH.—The Society for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities has taken active steps to preserve the ruins of old Monmouth Presbyterian Church, a few miles from Lexington. The roofless walls are being fixed up in order to preserve them and ivy will subsequently be planted about them. The cemetery will be enclosed and no trespassing will be allowed. No further burials will be permitted, as the cemetery is practically filled.

FATALLY INJURED BY A TRAIN.—While crossing the tracks at Brandy Station, in Culpeper county, in a one-horse team yesterday, little 10-year-old Carter Embrey was run down by Southern passenger train No. 35 and fatally injured. The horse was instantly killed and the wagon completely demolished.

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Notwithstanding the injunction secured by the Bunola